A SERMON

1 Pet. Chap. 3. V. 13.

And who is He that will harm ye, if ye be followers of the Good?

IT has in all Ages been reputed Wisdom and Justice to the Accomplishment of Victory and good Success to cial Providence of God, and let it ever be recorded Praise of Her present *Majesty* who stands up for the Cause and is so ready to shew Her thankful Acknowledgment Arm and Power going along with Her Arms and those Allies.

It is Her *Majesty's special Command* that we this Day our Thanks to God.

1. For the late glorious Victory obtain'd in *Brabant* by of Her Majesty, and those of Her Allies. A glorious a great Enterprize, and shews the Bravery

D. of *Marlborough.* *Matchless General*, who with the help of dexterously perform'd it.

Our Arms and those of our Allies, God be thank'd, Victory follows Victory, Triumph succeeds Triumph

2. Success attends upon Success in *Catalonia*, and the Kingdom of *Spain*. And if we beg God's repenting of our Sins, and henceforth not provoking and unchristian Divisions, we may hope he will be continue our help in the Day of Battle

† *Lewis* IV. further Success, and break the Power of Disturber of Christendom.

So boundless and unsatiable is the Ambition of King, that our *Goods*, our *Lands*, and our *Lives* will Our *Religion*, our *Souls*, and if it was possible our *God* strikes at; and therefore if through private Heats and we neglect to resist and oppose him, we shall be our own Ruin, and give opportunity to that Man of excise his destructive Designs against us!

God has wrought many wonderful Deliverances help has been in the Name of the Lord. The Lord

our Side, put to flight Armies much superiour to Ours, [illegible] their Designs and Expectations, baffled their most [illegible] and formidable Preparations, and given us Victory in the [illegible] Battle.

[illegible] God all from the highest to the lowest may make a Reli[illegible] commemoration of all his Mercies, that so the Deliverances, [illegible] and all Victories may be lengthned which he hath [illegible] for us.

[illegible] praise the Lord for his Goodness, and declare the wonders [illegible] hath done for us, O God so thou we commend our Cause, strength[illegible] thy Work, thou hast begun!

[illegible] I think upon the many Dangers that every one of us lies [illegible] and expos'd unto so long as we live here in this Vail of Tears, [illegible] will what subject I can more opportunely chuse to fix your [illegible] upon than the good Man's Security, or that secure [illegible] which is both peculiar to those who be followers of [illegible] which is Good.

[illegible] of the Lord are over the Righteous, and his Ears are open [illegible] Prayers, but the Face of the Lord is against them that do [illegible] And then the Apostle subjoyns the Text, *and who is he that [illegible] you, if you be followers of that which is Good?*

[illegible] asks the Question, *Who is he that will harm you?* Im[illegible] shall be able. Immediately preceeding the Text, U[illegible] Love and Compassion are enjoyn'd, rendring Evil for Evil, [illegible] for Raying forbid, and Blessing in their stead command[illegible] Christ had for them an Example of Meekness, Patience, [illegible] and Charity, and if they follow'd it, the Apostle told [illegible] *none should be able to harm them.*

[illegible] the Text I shall shew that good Men have many [illegible] to secure and protect them from harm.

[illegible] God's All-seeing Providence.

[illegible] His Almighty Power.

[illegible] His Promise that he will give his Angels charge over them.

[illegible] That nothing either from within or without can endanger [illegible]

[illegible] Tho' a good and upright Life be the best way to secure us [illegible] harm, and that God in an especial manner takes care of all [illegible] yet in times of Danger means are to be used, and we [illegible] not to neglect them for our Safety and Preservation.

[illegible], I shall shut up with an Exhortation to a good end [illegible]

I begin,

To shew that good Men have God's All-seeing Providence [illegible] and protect them from Harm.

It is impossible any thing should be so secretly co[illegible] Almighty should not see and know [illegible]

Psal. 121. 4. *keepeth* Israel *doth neither* [illegible] Sparrow cannot fall to the ground [illegible] Providence; even the Hairs of our Head are num[illegible] if in such small things God's Providence be so [illegible] it is not defective in those which concern the Preser[illegible] own Children?

Good Men are more in the Eye of Divine Provi[illegible] ther Persons. God concerns himself more for the [illegible] the Wicked. He usually blesseth, directs and pro[illegible] in a special manner beyond those that [illegible]

Prov. 10. 3. *will not suffer the Soul of the Righteous* [illegible] *but he casts away the Substance of the Wicked.* [illegible] *with the Just, for they shall eat the* [illegible]

Esai. 3. 10. *Works, but wo be the Wicked, it shall be* [illegible] *for the Reward of their hands shall be given* [illegible]

Gen. 6. 8. had such a respect for *Noah* because he [illegible] *Man and perfect in his Generation*, that he [illegible] drown the old World before he had made an Ark to [illegible] The Divine Providence did so particularly engage it [illegible] just and upright Man, that tho' the wickedness of Man [illegible] great upon the Earth, and all Flesh had corrupted [illegible] he did not bring a flood of Waters upon the Earth to [illegible] very thing that was upon it till the Ark was made, tho' [illegible] 120 Years a making.

The two Angels cou'd not destroy *Sodom* till Lot was [illegible] of it; for tho' the cry of *Sodome* was great, and their sin [illegible] ing grievous; yet the Providence of God did so watch [illegible] righteous Man, that nothing cou'd be done [illegible]

Gen. 19. 22. was out of it. *Haste thee, escape for thy life* [illegible] *unto* Zoar, *and save thee there, for I can do* [illegible] *till thou be come thither*, said the Angel.

Such is the care of God towards Men, that had there been [illegible] righteous Persons in *Sodome*, he wou'd have [illegible]

Gen. 18. 32. serv'd it for their sakes. *O let not the Lord be* [illegible] said *Abraham, and I will speak but this once* [illegible] *if ten righteous Persons be found in* Sodome? And he said [illegible] *not destroy it for tens sake.*

Many are the Miracles which God has wrought for the [illegible] servation of good Men. He kept *Shadrach*, [illegible]

Dan 3. and *Abednego* alive in the midst of the [illegible] nace; and wou'd not suffer one hair of their [illegible]

[illegible] by that devouring and consuming Ele-
[illegible] the Knife was at *Isaac*'s Throat, an [illegible] Gen. 22. 11.
[illegible] by God to stop the hand from giv-
[illegible] blow. He miraculously preserv'd *Mo-* Exod. 2.
[illegible], *Daniel* in the Lyons Den, *Joseph* Dan. 6.
[illegible] St. *Paul* in many Perils, and St. *Peter* in Gen. 37.
[illegible] 2 Cor. 11. Acts 12.

[illegible] the Divine Providence concerns it self in a wonderful [illegible] for good and righteous Men. So,

[illegible] God's Providence watcheth in a special manner over [illegible] Princes and Kingdoms, and particularly defends and [illegible].

[illegible] Princes who govern well, and faithfully discharge that [illegible] they are intrusted with, are the Darlings of Heaven, [illegible] Earth; and God who is the great Governour of all, [illegible] pleased with them that he more immediately governs [illegible] and hath a particular Providence upon them. When [illegible] d to give Deliverance to his People the *Jews*, he nam'd [illegible] by whom it should be done more than an hundred [illegible] he was born, and styl'd him his Shep-
[illegible] *Cyrus* being set up by God to give Isai. 44. 28.
[illegible] to his People, and to subdue the Na-
[illegible] him; a particular Providence was fix'd upon him long [illegible] born.

[illegible] God's Providence watcheth in a special manner over [illegible] Kingdoms, and particularly takes them under his Care [illegible]ction.

[illegible] this Promise to the *Israelites* that *no* [illegible] *desire their Land when they should go up* Exod. 34. 24.
[illegible] *before the Lord thrice in the Year.* *Plutarch* [illegible] the Cement of all Communities,
[illegible] *'Tis much more easie to build a City in the* Prov. 14. 24.
[illegible] *any foundation to stand upon, than to* [illegible] *Government without Religion.* *Righteousness exalteth a*

[illegible] make its Counsels prosperous, its Designs successful, [illegible] God to be for us, *and if he be for us, who can be a-*
[illegible] The greatest Enemies a Kingdom. *From*
[illegible] *Wars and fightings among you? Come* St. Jam. 4. 1.
[illegible] *even of your lusts which War in your*
[illegible] While Men are evil they cannot be long successful. [illegible] Sword, nor the Bow, nor the Spear, nor the great [illegible] Counsel can give protection to a Country, whilst that

Country by Sin fights against God, and lives in open W[illegible] him. Bad Men will in time overturn the best Cause. [illegible] eft and wisest *Ahitophel*. The most cunning and politic[illegible] *avil* are Fools in opposition to God; and Fleets and A[illegible] *Egypt's Chariots and Horsemen* will prove but broken Re[illegible] Defence of a sinful People. Sin throws a Kingdom [illegible] Care of Divine Providence, and many times hinders it [illegible] terposing for it. O that we of this Nation wou'd be so w[illegible] break off our Sins by Repentance, and turn to the God[illegible] cy! That you wou'd all seriously apply your selves to a [illegible] Life which would preserve both your selves and your [illegible] If you will be his People, he hath promised to be your [illegible] *Peter* speaking of those two great Deliverances, the one [illegible] from the Flood, and the other of *Lot* [illegible]

2 Pet. 2. 9. *dome* makes this Observation. *The Lord [illegible] deliver the Godly out of temptation, and [illegible] the Unjust unto the day of Judgment to be punish'd.* Now [illegible] recusness preserv'd *Noah*, when the old World perish'd b[illegible] and if that sav'd *Lot* when *Sodome* was consum'd by [illegible] then certainly work Deliverances for other righteous P[illegible] His Providence is the same now as it was then, and [illegible] it self as much in these times we live as ever. God [illegible] from Age to Age, and a Shield from one Generation [illegible] And tho' the Winds blow, the Rain descends, and [illegible] sometimes bear upon the Righteous, yet shall they not [illegible] *steps of a good Man are order'd by the Lord, and he delig[illegible] way. Tho' he fall he shall not be utterly cast down, for the [illegible] holds him with his hand*, Psa. 32. 23.

But tho' it be a great Truth that God engageth his [illegible] in an especial manner for the security and safety of [illegible] and particularly watcheth over righteous Kings and [illegible] and protects and defends them; yet it sometimes [illegible] Calamities fall upon them and they are expos'd to [illegible] cessities also. Thus in times of Persecution it was the [illegible] Pleasure of God that his own People [illegible]

1 Pet. 1. under fiery Tryals, that their *Faith* [illegible]

Lament. 4. 20. *might appear. Judas's* Sins drew [illegible] to a violent Death, in whose Life [illegible] unto themselves a lasting Security. Tho St. *Peter* [illegible] *will be able to harm them that be followers of that* [illegible] yet his Words must not be taken absolutely and [illegible] that for the most part Good Men are successful while [illegible] are cast down and destroy'd.

Good Men have God's All-seeing Providence to secure them from harm. So,

have his Almighty Power which over-rules all Events is self strong in the behalf of them whose Hearts are towards him.

Assurance of this made those three Chil- Dan. 3. 17.
Meshech and *Abednego* so resolutely the Threats of that Great King *Nebuchadnezzar*. *Our we serve is able to deliver us out of thy hand, O King*: blessed Saviour useth the same Argument to prove that shall never perish. *My Sheep shall never perish, neither them out of my hand*, and the reason Jo. 10. 28, 29.
For my Father which gave them me, is all, and no Man is able to pluck them Fathers hands. Fear not Abraham, I Gen. 15. 1.
Buckler, I am thine exceeding great Reward, Lord, the strong and mighty God. On 2 Sam. 22. 2, 3.
Abraham built his transcendent Faith, his impregnable Trust. Let the good Enemies be never so strong, God is stronger than they. a mighty out-stretched Arm, an Omnipotent Hand, an that Spans the Heavens, that stretcheth Isai. 40, 12.
as a Curtain, and spreadeth them out as to dwellin. On this Almighty Arm, on Hand, all Good Men may Trust. Psal. 27. 1.
is their Light and their Defence, whom then fear, God is the lifter up of their Head, shall they be afraid? And as good Men have God's Power to secure and protect them from all harm. So, Men have God's promise, that he will give his Angels over them.

not dispute the Question whether every Man has his Bad Angel. Thus much I am sure of, that they were a guard of Horses and Chariots of Fire about *Elisha*, when he was besieg'd with 2 King 6. 17.
Host which the King of *Assria* sent him. It was an Angel that was bring *Lot* out of *Sodome* when the City Gen. 19. 6.
be consum'd. It was an Angel that was bring *Peter* out of Prison, where *Herod* Acts 12. 11.
he had made him safe enough. They are *pitch their Tents round about them that fear and to deliver them*. For Good Men those Psal. 34. 7.

 swift

swift Messengers of God [illegible]

Heb. 1. 14. *they are not all [illegible] them that shall be Heirs of [illegible]*

But tho' God has promis'd to give his [illegible] Good Men, yet as *Heraclitus* once said, *If [illegible] it won'd be Night for all the Stars.* So I may [illegible] God's Countenance shine not favourably [illegible] there is little Comfort to be drawn from the [illegible] They are Servants under God, they attend [illegible] he bids them go forth and return for the use of [illegible] serve his Order, but without his Command they [illegible]

And as Good Men have Gods All-seeing Pro[illegible] mighty Power to secure and protect them from a[illegible] Promise that he will give his Angels charge over them.

IV. I proceed to shew that nothing either from within or out can harm good Men.

1. Nothing from within.

Good Men are sure of Peace here, and Glory hereafter; they hold Faith and a Good Conscience, the Peace of God passeth all Understanding guards their Hearts and [illegible] Christ Jesus. The inward Peace of Good Conscience is a Wall, a good Baracado which neither the utmost Malice [illegible] the Sting of Death, nor the fiery Darts of [illegible]

Prov. 28. 1. can ever be able to prevail against. [illegible] *fly when no Man pursues, but the Righteous are as a Lyon.* Who shall lay any thing to the Charge of God's Men nor Devils can't hurt them; God is their Friend, their Protector, their Defence, and therefore no harm can come to them. God will justifie them, who can condemn? [illegible] own Conscience will stand forth and witness for them, and therefore who dare accuse them? And as good Men are secure from all inward harm. So,

2. They are secure from that which is without.

Prov. 16. 7. *When the Ways of a Man please the Lord, he makes even his Enemies to be at Peace with him.*

One while God strikes terror into the Good Mans Enemies, they dare not molest him. When Jacob went

Gen. 35. 5. to *Bethel* by God's Command to build an Altar, he stroke terror into the Cities round about him, and he was not more afraid of his Enemies than they were of him. Sometimes God turns the bitterest hatred of the Man's Enemies into the greatest Love and Amity. When

[illegible] *for I fear he will [illegible]* Gen. 32. 11.
[illegible] know what was the event. When [illegible]
[illegible] other his Brother Esau, which he [illegible] Gen. 33. 4.
[illegible] instead of shewing embrac'd him, [illegible]
[illegible] his Neck and kiss'd him. God promis'd the Israelites
[illegible] and their children, and that no Man [illegible]
[illegible] their Land when they went to up- Exod. 34. 24.
[illegible] before the Lord thrice in the Year.
[illegible] the Malice of Men might continue against those
[illegible] of that which is Good, God can curse their ve-
[illegible] *Behold I have created the Smith that bloweth the Coals*
[illegible] *and bring forth an Instrument for his Work; I have created the Destroyer to destroy. No*
[illegible] *is formed against thee shall prosper* Esai. 54. 16, 17.
[illegible]

[illegible] Beasts of the Field, the Fowles of Heaven, and the
[illegible] Things of the Earth are all at peace with Good Men.
[illegible] promis'd to be reconcil'd with his
[illegible] the Israelites tells them, That he would Hos. 2. 18.
[illegible] *make a Covenant for them with the Beasts of the Field, and with the Fowles of Heaven, and with the Creeping Things of the*
[illegible] O the happy and secure Condition Good
[illegible] in! *Keep Innocency, and take heed unto* Psal. 37. 38.
[illegible] *that is right, for that shall bring a Man* v. 40, 41.
[illegible] *last. The Salvation of the Righteous is of the Lord, he is*
[illegible] *strength in the time of Trouble. He will be their Defender, their*
[illegible] *he will stand by them and save them. Light is sown for*
[illegible] *and gladness for the Upright in heart. As many as*
[illegible] *walk to this Rule, Peace be upon them and Mercy.*
[illegible] a Good and Upright Life be the best way to secure us
[illegible] and God in a special manner takes care for all such
[illegible] of Danger means are to be us'd, and not to be neg-
[illegible] our Safety and Preservation. Which
[illegible] next thing to be prov'd. Who will
[illegible] *Jacob* for flying from his angry Brother? Gen. 27. 43.
[illegible] blame *Moses* for flying from the face of
[illegible] when he sought to slay him? Who will
[illegible] *David* was in the wrong when he with- Exod. 2. 15.
[illegible] himself from the presence of *Saul*, when 1 Sam. 19. 10.
[illegible] prov'd he went about to kill him? Who
[illegible] upon *Elijah* to be in the fault, when he 1 King 17. 3.

[illegible]

hid himself to decline the Danger of *Jezebel*'s rage? [illegible]
Children of the Prophets did [illegible]
1 King 18. 13. Sanctuary in Caves to preserve th[illegible]
the fury of that Idolatrous Queen? [illegible]
Acts 12. 9. say it was an unlawful thing in St. Pe[illegible]
of Prison when the Angel had made [illegible]
him? St. *Paul* who was as willing to die for the Name [illegible]
as any, yet he took the prudent Ad[illegible]
Acts 19. 31. Friends not to venture himself among [illegible]
multitude. And when more than forty [illegible]
Acts 23. 21. themselves with an Oath to kill him, [illegible]
use of his Kinsmans help to secure his [illegible]
blessed Saviour withdrew himself to [illegible]
Math. 12. 15. Place when the *Pharisees* held a Co[illegible]
they might destroy him; and he taught [illegible]
Math. 10. 23. ples *when they persecute you in one City, flee [illegible]*
ther. *Tertullian* have us believe that [illegible]
Troubles can befal a Man but by the Providence of God, [illegible]
fore no human means shou'd be us'd to decline them. A[illegible]
and gross Mistake! For there is no doubt but the antient [illegible]
achs and *Prophets* were well instructed in the Doctrine of [illegible]
Providence, and had Faith enough to believe that God w[illegible]
Strength and Refuge; yet wou'd not thereuponexpose th[illegible]
to imminent danger, but were ready to use the best m[illegible]
decline it.

If a way be open to decline a danger we may lawfully [illegible]
to it. Religion excludes not Prudence, and this is the d[illegible]
new Testament.

We ought not to be prodigal of our Lives, not to run [illegible]
the point of a Sword, or upon the Mouth of a Cannon, w[illegible]
is in our Power to step aside and avoid being kill'd. G[illegible]
not always use his mighty hand and strong
Math. 2. Arm. He con'd have protected the *wise Men* [illegible]
East in their return, but he choos'd rather [illegible]
vise them to decline the Danger by returning into their C[illegible]
another way. He con'd with a great deal of easiness have [illegible]
manded 12 Legions of Angels to guard the infancy of [illegible]
against the Conspiracy of *Herod*; but he choos'd rather [illegible]
his safety by sending an Angel to *Joseph* to bid him, *arise* [illegible]
the young Child and his Mother, and flee into [illegible]
V. 13. *and continue there till the Angel of the Lord* [illegible]
him word, for Herod *wou'd seek the young* [illegible]
to destroy him.

were us'd to keep the Child Jesus from falling a
the Rage and Cruelty of Tyrannical Herod.
need not be afraid that he fails in his Duty to the
mands, upon using means to prolong his Life
on our his Days. Means were us'd to
of his dangerous Sickness. *Take* Isai. 38. 21.
Figs and lay it upon the boil and he
Tho it be the Lord that kills and makes alive, that
down to the Grave and raiseth up, yet he ordain'd the
and created many Medicines to preserve the Health of
a command to use them. We are not to fight our
with spiritual Armour. Politique Preparations are
ce of God, and his best and faithful Servants have
of them, even when God himself commanded them,
to Battle against his, and their Enemies. *Abraham*,
Moses and *David* were all famous in their Generations, in
the Lords Battels. They were all of them great Warri-
whenever any of them went out to Battle, means
ploy'd to resist and oppose those who were committing
them. We are to provide how to encounter our Enemies
with corporal as spiritual Weapons. Our spiritual Pre-
is indeed first to be observ'd, and then our Bodies,
Conduct, and other means are to be employ'd for the
vation of our gracious Queen, and the safety of the King-
First Prayer to God, and then ordinary means are not to
lected but us'd.
have heard what an happy and secure Condition they are
who have committed their Souls unto God in well-doing.
They have the Divine Providence to over-look them.
Infinite Power to protect them.
God's own promise that ye will give his Angels charge over
That nothing either from within or without can harm them,
ing at Peace with themselves, with Men, and with Beasts.
invaluable Benefit of a well led Life! They of all Men
secure from Danger: God will either protect them from
ger, preserve them in it, support them under it, or at last
them a good and happy issue out of it.
here it may be objected that that Security which belongs
Good Upright Man, is also verify'd of the wicked. They
are in trouble like other Men, neither are they plagued like other
their Houses are safe from fear, neither is the Rod of God a-
them.

To

To remove which Objection, you must know that [illegible] of Good Men doth not consist in an absolute [illegible] Troubles, but in an absolute Freedom from Troubles [illegible] preservation in them, and a Deliverance out of [illegible] Troubles of the Righteous may be many, yet God [illegible] them out of all. God sometimes permits Good Men [illegible] wrong, to receive harm, and outwardly to fall into [illegible] of their Enemies; but he never fails to comfort them [illegible] Tho' they may kill a good Man's Body, yet they [illegible] his Soul. No Man can do that wrong. That is [illegible] Injuries. Neither the Sword nor the Bow, nor the [illegible] hurt him who has committed himself unto God [illegible] ing. Neither Tribulation, nor Distress, nor Persecution [illegible] mine, nor Nakedness, nor Peril nor Sword. Neither [illegible] Life, nor Angels not Principalities, nor Powers, nor [illegible] sent, nor Things to come, nor Height nor Depth, nor [illegible] Creature can separate Good Men from [illegible]

Rom. 8. 35. of God which is in Christ Jesus. But [illegible] *Things they are more than Conquerors.* For [illegible] to do his Duty, to trust in God, and make Confidence [illegible] Ways are the best and only means of securing himself [illegible] those Dangers an Enemy shall threaten him [illegible]

Psal. 37. *Evil Doers and Transgressors shall be cut off* [illegible] ed out, when on the contrary, *Good Men* [illegible] *herit the Earth, they shall dwell in the Land, and verily they* [illegible] *fed.* In calamitous Times when God punisheth a Nation [illegible] War or Pestilence, none are so safe from Danger as they [illegible] have been *followers of that which is Good. The End of the* [illegible] *Man shall be Peace, and the Salvation of the Righteous shall* [illegible] *the Lord; who will help them, and deliver them from the Wicked* [illegible] *and save them because they trust in him.* The

Psa. 37. 27. 24. *of a Good Man are order'd by the Lord, and* [illegible] *lighteth in his Ways. Tho' he fall he shall not* [illegible] *be cast down, for the Lord upholdeth him with his Hand.*

And as a Good Life and a Conscientious Demeanour is the way to obtain the Divine Protection, and prevent those Dangers which the fury of an inraged Enemy may endeavour to [illegible] upon us in this World. So,

2. 'Tis the only Course we can take to procure Blessedness [illegible] that which is to come. *Depart from evil* [illegible]

Psal. 37. 27. *good, and dwell for evermore.* The reward [illegible] has promised robestow upon Good Men [illegible] World to come is Life Everlasting. The longest and [illegible]

ar'd with that it is but like a Winters Day, short and
O Eternity! Eternity, the Heaven of Heavens, the
of Angels, the Glory of Saints and Martyrs, the End
, the Prize of our Hopes, and the
every Soul; *What shall I do to inherit* Math. 19.
e Everlasting is that which is the End
, the last Article of our Creed, at which all other
in which they end.

ou'd tell you of some Drug that cou'd prolong
s a Thousand Years, I doubt not but you
ll have it, tho' it was far fetch'd and dear
And if Gold had that Vertue, which some
has, to make those that are old young again,
d be made potable, many wou'd labour for it.
good and conscientious Life will not only re-
Age, but prolong your Life to all Eternity.
e troubled with many intermixions of Grief
w; but a Life free from all mixture of Care
ief. A Life that they who live enjoy Hea-
God face to face, and are ever with the

hall good Men be bless'd, happy in this World,
y in that which is to come. Heaven shall be
rd, happy Saints and Angels their Compa-
h whom they shall spend a whole Eternity
g and adoring their great and powerful Cre-

What now remains seeing such excellent
s promis'd and prepar'd for Good Men, but
be all *followers of that which is Good.* At all
t more especially in dangerous and dubious
ought to put on Goodness, and that will be
Security. Draw nigh to God by Pray-
Religious Duties, and he will draw nigh
holy and religious Life will bring down
ing. *All things shall work together for good*

to

to them that love God. While you live in his f
thinks himself bound to hide you under the
of his Wings, till Calamities be overpast. W
Atheistical Men pretend to in this loose and
gate Age in denying the Providence of God,
I am 'tis always awake and ever running to
to take care of them that fear the Lord. H
are in every place beholding the good and
His Wings spread themselves from one end
Earth to the other, and they shadow the goo
from all the strokes of Malice, and set him
the Calamities of this World.

Go then and commit your Concerns wi
Commit your Bodies, Souls, Effects, Friends
lations to his Care and Protection. And tho'
not see him with your bodily Eyes, tho' you
hear his Voice, nor can touch him with your
yet he is near to every one
Acts 17. 28. *In him we live, move, and*
Being.

Make Peace with God for your Sins, an
Peace with one another, and then the God
will delight to dwell among you, his P
watch over you, and protect you from all
Almighty Power will overule all Events, and
self strong in your behalf, and he will give his
charge over you.

Fear the Lord, and nothing from within or
can harm you. In the time of Trouble
hide you in his Tabernacle, stand by you, an
en you, tho' an Host of Men were laid ag

To conclude, may God bless Her Maje
takings, and direct Her and Her Allies to
as may be most effectual for the disappointing

nd restraining the violence of the *Common E-*
I will apply that Acclamation
Gracious *Queen* which *Tertullian*
the *Roman* People us'd to their
That God would bless Her with
Life, a secure Kingdom, a safe Palace, a valiant
faithful Council, a contented People, and (if it be
) *Peace with all the World.*

Tertul. Apologet.

se Titles *Rome* us'd to give her Worthies, *viz.*
ubs, and God's of War, Takers of
and Defenders of Liberty are due
Penetrating Marlborough, the Mar-
effects of whose Valour, Con-
nd profound Understanding the
ave felt in many Places. Speak
speak *Blenheim*, speak *Danube*,
Bavaria, speak *Tallard*, speak
ser-Hall with thy *Standards* and
and now speak *Brabant*. What
is there that can boast of such
Things as parallel these? Who has done so
r his *Queen* and his *Country* as *this Mighty*
Valour?

Duo fulmina belli, Scipiadas, 6 Æneid. Virg.

Liberatori Reipublicæ, Fundatorique quietis. *Inscrip. in arcu Constantini.*

r above all, let us give Glory to
the Divine Providence is our
ft Safety and Security. O let us
and magnifie his holy Name,
e him by a holy Life and Con-
on, beseeching him to give us
Grace